

Definition of a Comprehensive Reading Program

Comprehensive reading program means a high-quality reading program of classroom instruction for all children, and intervention for children at risk of reading difficulty, that

- is built on scientifically based research;
- includes instructional content for the five essential components of reading instruction (phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, reading fluency, and reading comprehension);
- includes explicit instruction, coordinated instructional sequences, and ample teacher-directed application, guided practice, and independent practice;
- includes instructional content that is aligned with grade-level standards and benchmarks;
- uses instructional materials that are aligned with the five essential components of reading instruction and grade-level standards, benchmarks, and instructional goals;
- provides more than 90 minutes of uninterrupted reading instruction per day;
- includes screening and diagnostic assessment for identifying and diagnosing individual student instructional needs; and
- includes classroom-based assessments for frequent, ongoing monitoring of student progress.

